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AIR FREIGHT UP 13.2% IN 1987 AND 21.3% IN DECEMBER

WASHINGTON, D.C., February 10, 1988 — Air freight was up 13.2 percent in 1987 and 21.3 percent in December for the 22 airlines reporting cargo data to the Air Transport Association.

Domestic air freight in 1987 registered a gain of 10.9 percent. The air transportation of mail increased 4.8 percent. Total cargo, including freight and mail, rose 9.5 percent.

International air freight of the U.S. carriers last year was up 15.8 percent. Mail rose 1.9 percent, and total cargo had a gain of 14.2 percent.

In December, domestic air freight increased 18.9 percent. Mail was up 7.0 percent, and total cargo rose 15.2 percent.

December international air freight traffic of U.S. carriers had a gain of 24.1 percent. Mail was up 11.7 percent, and total cargo rose 22.1 percent.

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CARGO FLOWN IN SCHEDULED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

U.S. AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

	DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
DECEMBER 1987	381,807	156,159	537,966	330,115	57,471	387,586	711,922	925,552
DECEMBER 1986	321,019	145,916	466,935	288,007	51,435	317,442	587,026	784,377
PERCENT CHANGE	18.9	7.0	15.2	24.1	11.7	22.1	21.3	18.0
12 MONTHS 1987	4,287,591	1,281,553	5,569,144	3,742,948	437,256	4,180,204	8,030,539	9,749,348
12 MONTHS 1986	3,864,959	1,222,921	5,087,880	3,230,864	429,276	3,660,140	7,095,823	8,748,020
PERCENT CHANGE	10.9	4.8	9.5	15.8	1.9	14.2	13.2	11.4

NOTE: Carriers included: AirCal, Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Hawaiian, Jet America, Northwest, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Southwest, TranStar, Trans World, United, USAir and Western.